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Prof. Dr. A. Gray. Cambridge.

My dear Sir,

I am almost  
ashamed on account of my  
long continued silence. But  
you have undoubtedly learned  
that it is not my fault.

Having been placed before  
the people of this state as a  
candidate of Superintendent  
of Public Instruction contrary  
to my desire, I had to turn my  
attention into a different di-  
rection entirely. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of  
Oct. I was elected by nearly  
15000 majority - and now I feel  
like returning again to my

Favorite science.

My new position enables me to do considerable work for it. I will have more leisure time. The office itself compels me to be out, travelling about in the state four months at least during the year. The state pays yearly 1000 \$ for travelling expenses.

It is my desire to turn now my attention to the distribution of our vegetation. Suggestions, pertaining to this subject, on your part, would be very welcome indeed.

I have collected in Bear Valley a few plants, that require your attention. Will send them soon.

Accept this as a sign of life.

Yours  
most respectfully  
Henry A. Bolander